

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Brian W. Pritchard, *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: Unassigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: VARIABLE EVAPORATOR CONTROL FOR A GAS DRYER

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Attention: Application Branch**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in this application, please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, please replace paragraph [01] with the following paragraph:

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[01] This application is a continuation application of serial number 10/123,565, filed on April 16, 2002, which claims priority to U.S. provisional patent application serial number 60/285,528, filed April 20, 2001, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.